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New Proposals for Use of Horndale House

Newton News Suggestion Agreed by Alpha Trustees

As a result of public attention to the proposed use of Horndale House the Trustees have agreed to a suggestion by the Editor of 'Newton News', which might help clarify their intentions and, hopefully, pacify those residents in the immediate vicinity who have genuine fears regarding the type of person to be accommodated.

Syd Howarth has suggested the hostel be used primarily to accommodate Newton Aycliffe's young homeless people between the ages of 14-18yrs. The problem of homelessness for young people, who fall outside the Housing Authority's responsibility, is well known and Newton Aycliffe has its share, but there is no place for them in Aycliffe to go for shelter in an emergency. We hope this new specified use for the hostel will be acceptable, believing that no-one would wish to see our young people without a roof over their heads.

The following letter of intent was received on 29th November, 1999 as a result of negotiations with the Trustees of the Alpha Project.

Dear Sir,

We as the Trustees of the Alpha Project would like to clarify our aims regarding Horndale House. We intend to set up a home primarily for young homeless people of Newton Aycliffe and surrounding area.

When we took over the Charity we saw that Horndale House had great potential to carry out the medium term phase of the Alpha Project's objectives, which are to provide supportive accommodation for the homeless.

The project aims to offer a home that will provide 24 hour supervision, and a safe supportive environment.

We believe that many people need a place that can offer emergency accommodation, and an alternative to those who may have to leave their Community in order to find accommodation.

The Project also wants to provide an additional choice to those who are living in what may be unsuitable or unstable situations or circumstances. As we have stated on numerous occasions we will not offer accommodation to those may be considered a risk.

We are motivated by our Christian faith and encouraged by other successful projects throughout the country.

We would very much welcome support and interest from people who feel called to work with, or those who have compassion to help those in need.

Yours sincerely the Trustees of the Alpha Project.

LET'S KEEP OUR OLD TRADITIONS

Dear "Observer"

Regarding your letter about children going round the street for Halloween.

I think you should get a life as you appear to be a miserable sad person, nor do you have the guts to give your name and address.

People like you would let all tradition die, but other like me like to see the children make an effort in dressing up. Surely as a child you did this?

I suppose you don't like Christmas and carol singers

either. Did you know that some kids give what they have collected to charity? My children save money collected from Halloween, Guying and Carol Singing to give to less fortunate children.

Both my husband and I are unemployed, but we encourage the children and help them on a Santa Run calling on children and handing them small presents. The look on their faces makes Christmas special for them and us.
Barbara, Elmfield Place.

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addition account-opening incentives are provided. Senior students run the bank themselves under the supervision of Midland Bank Staff and teachers. In charge this year are Joseph Clish and Jason Race who will be assisted by James Harper, David Pearson and Simon Douthwaite. The New staff are looking forward to another successful year for Midbank which will be open in the Year 10 Block of the school on Mondays from 1pm-1.30pm, commencing 2nd November. All pupils are welcome.

GREAT AYCLIFFE



TOWN COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY Sunday 8th November 1998

Notice is given that the car parks opposite the Royal British Legion and near Isherwood Close will be closed from 6.00am until approximately 12 noon in connection with the above Parade and Service.

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SINGING WORKSHOP AT GREENFIELD

A Singing Workshop for pupils at Greenfield was held last week. The host was Line, a French singer who represented her country in the Eurovision Song contest in 1968. Line has been touring schools in county Durham as part of a visit organised by Brian Stobie, the international officer with Durham County Council. Over thirty enthusiastic pupils participated in the workshop. It is a busy period for the pupils. At present they are recording so forthcoming Christmas show 'Professor John' which will eventually be available on CD. Next week they are taking part in the 'Festival of Youth' at Spennymoor Leisure Centre on Wednesday November 4th.



LADS SHOULD ENJOY FOOTBALL

Dear Editor,
I would like to clarify an issue raised by your correspondent Mr Norman Leighton in his report last week.

It was a misunderstanding for which I accept total responsibility and therefore apologise for my name having been omitted from my previous letter. I am delighted to hear that his efforts along with others are enabling a number of boys to progress to higher levels. It's at a time like this we should remind ourselves that Bill Shankly was only having a bit of fun with his players when he said "Football is not a matter of life or death, it's much more important".

Another football legend, Jack Munro (my Grandad), in my eyes anyway, would also say "take what ever you are doing, whether its your job or your chosen sport, seriously, but don't fall into the trap of taking yourself too serious."

I didn't feel the need to ask the players whether they were enjoying themselves.

when I read in the same issue that only five players turned up at a Cup-tie the previous weekend. Maybe this was because at 17 they have a choice which they don't have when they are 10 and 11.

My main reason for writing earlier was that all the lads should be enjoying their football not just the future stars. By the way I bet Michael Owens' Mam and Dad have a sense of humour and are not too concerned if his Coaches sometimes come in for a bit of criticism. Yours very sincerely
J Trevor Munro
(Still a football lover)

Bugler Wanted!

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TOWN COUNCIL

REMEMBRANCE DAY Sunday 8th November 1998

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The Parade will halt outside the Church and the L. Post and Reveille will be sounded. Followed by the silence at 11.00am.

The wreaths will be laid followed by a short service in Clares Church.

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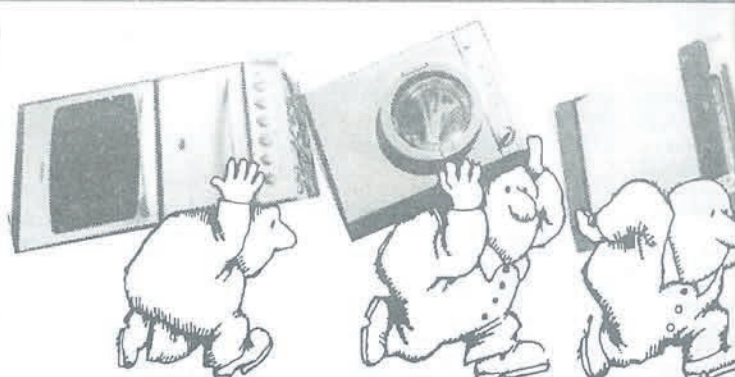
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TOWN YOUTH FOOTBALL REPORT

ast Sundays fixtures were a combination of League and Cup although the matches involving the 14's and 17's were the victims of the weather. The 11's and 12's were both involved in the Durham FA cup competition for under 2's and had mixed fortunes. The 11's travelled to Birtley to play an under 2 side and were beaten 7-0. The 12's entertained a team

from Jarrow and gained a resounding 19-0 victory with Liam Cooper notching seven of them. The 13's were hosts to Fishburn Boys and lost by 3 goals to one in a game that they missed several good chances to win. It was a similar story for the 15's who entertained 21st Althams and in a below par performance lost by 4 goals to one with debutante Rob Synnes scoring the only goal. The results throughout October have been very disappointing after a bright start to the season and have resulted in the side losing league places in their relevant tables.

The only side which is continuing to show consistent results is the 10's who are still unbeaten after 7 games and lead the league by 5 points with a goal tally of scored 38 - conceded 3. On Sunday they entertained Billingham town boys and produced an excellent all round team performance to win by six goals to nil. With a gusty wind at their backs the town boys pressurised the visitors goal but were unable to penetrate the visitors defence until 20 minutes play when a good header from Ben Poskett was parried by the keeper into the path of Keiran Megran to open the scoring. Just before half time Mark Wood scored the second following his strong run from midfield created the space to beat the keeper. Against the wind the town boys gave an excellent controlled display of football and after neat interplay between Danny McPhee and himself, Kieran scored. With the defence dominating the visitors attack the home midfield were able to push forward and strong runs by Richard Langthorn produced further goals from Kieran, Dany and himself. The club is organising an under 9's small sided team and is currently looking for someone to manage the team. Anyone interested please contact - Brian Rose 316269.

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The Groups meet once or twice a month and help to identify and tackle local needs, give feedback on the effectiveness of local services and help to promote healthy living and a healthy local environment. They also help the Health Alliance to understand the implications for the local community of new proposals in health and social care.

The Health Alliance brings together Sedgefield Borough Council, Durham County Council Social Services and County Durham Health Authority.

Five Local Advisory Groups have been established to cover Speunymoor, Ferryhill and Chilton, Sedgefield, the Trimonds and Fishburn, Shildon and Newton Aycliffe. Heather Snowden Acting Health Alliance Manager said, "Local Advisory Groups play a vital role in helping to develop policy in matters of health social and



environmental importance. We would like more local people to volunteer to join our advisory groups, and are particularly interested in the views of younger people, who are not well represented at the moment."

The Local Advisory Groups held a seminar at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex. It covered a number of issues at the forefront of social care provision and was launched by the Rt. Hon. Derek Foster, M.P.

Local people who are interested in becoming community representatives on a Local Advisory Group should contact Heather Snowden at the Health Alliance Office on 01388 824104.

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Letter to the Editor ABDICATION OF RESPONSIBILITY

Dear Sirs:
I could not agree more with your correspondent, Mr Dave Walker, regarding the sorry state of our town centre, although I must say what a good job the existing retailers do in the town.

But there needs to be some radical rethinking from the Councils, and all concerned.

As to Mr Blair, he seems to have abdicated all responsibility for his constituency, as I wrote to him on this very same subject, and also sent him photographs, showing the poor state of the town.

I did not even receive the courtesy of a personal reply, just a note from his agent Mr. Burton referring me to the Town Council, and the proposed developments.

I would argue that the existing town centre needs developing, to make it more attractive to new business, before they start thinking about developing new areas.

The council should force the absentee landlords to take some action, but sadly they do not seem to have the powers or the determination to do anything about it.

This argument about the Town Centre seems to have been raging on and off ever since I moved to this area, which was some seven years ago, maybe its about time something was done.

But don't expect Mr Blair to get involved, he is now moving in far higher circles, to be concerned about his constituency.

Malcolm J. Green

Aycliffe Resident.

Ed: A good letter which reflects the views of the whole town. We still await an explanation and apology from our M.P. for lack of attention to the biggest town in his constituency. Whilst we are proud to have him as our Prime Minister and understand he has many other commitments, it would be nice to have surgeries and personal contact through 'Newton News' with our M.P. has happened when Derek Foster was our representative in Parliament.

KEEP YOUR HANDS OF OUR REBATE SAYS EURO M.P.

Local Labour Euro MP Stephen Hughes is standing firm on a threat to Britain's EU budget rebate. European Commission President Jacques Santer came to the European Parliament to spell out his ideas for reforming EU finances - but came away with a clear message from Mr Hughes and other Labour Euro MPs.

Stephen Hughes, Labour Euro MP for Durham and Blaydon said "I am very much in favour of reforming the way the EU is financed and a start should be made with the Common Agricultural Policy but not at the expense of our rebate."

"Britain is the 5th biggest contributor to the EU budget but is only the 11th most prosperous country in the EU. Several more prosperous states pay less into EU coffers than Britain."

"It is for this reason that Mrs Thatcher negotiated a rebate for Britain which is now worth about £2 billion a year."

"There is no way Britain is going to give up the rebate. Since reform of EU finances requires the agreement of all EU countries I think Mr Santer can forget about scrapping Britain's rebate," said our Euro M.P.

GREAT AYCLIFFE TOWN COUNCIL

Dates and Times of Statutory Meetings of the Town Council and its Committees

TUESDAY 10th NOVEMBER, 1998

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Syd Howarth (right) President of the Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe, with a Sri Lankan Exchange Team visiting the North East, and staying in members' homes.

Wedding at the Methodist Church



Dawn Tennick, a Sales Assistant, married Leigh Dawson who works for Agnew Taxis on 26th September. They were married at Neville Parade Methodist Church. The reception was held at Horndale WMC, the couple have two young sons, Matthew and Lewis and the family will continue to live in Newton Aycliffe.
Photo by Stuart Allinson

Goodbye Mr. Akers

The children of Stephenson Way Primary School held a "Leaving Assembly" for their retiring Headteacher Mr. W. Akers on Tuesday 20th October.

The children sang songs and recited poems as well as taking part in a "I remember when Mr. Akers..." The children presented him with bowling shoes to complete the gift of bowls and bowling bag from staff past and present as well as an electric plane. He also received many mementoes made by the children. The Governors of Stephenson Way Primary School presented him with a gift voucher.

Mr. Akers, who took medical retirement in July, has been at Stephenson Way Primary School for 4 years and will be greatly missed by staff and pupils. We met Bill afterwards and he said how overwhelmed he was by the occasion and that he will carry many fond memories of his happy time at Stephenson Way.

ST. CLARE'S AUTUMN FAIR

St Clare's Church is holding its annual AUTUMN FAIR on Saturday, 7th November in the Church Halls (St Cuthbert's Way entrance only).

Doors open at 2.00pm when Mr Frank Ridley, Head teacher of Sugar Hill School, will officially open the Fair. There will be lots of stalls, including Home-made cakes, Household, Books, Crafts, Tuck-shop, White Elephant, Tombola, Bottles, Cards, Christmas decorations, Mugs, Hankies, Home produce, Games, Raffle, and much more. Delicious home-made AFTERNOON TEAS will also be available.

Entertainment will be provided by "Hargreaves-Jacques" School of Dance, St Clare's Rainbows/Brownies/Guides will be singing "Music Hall" songs.

There will also be a "Tug-of-War" contest between teams of Primary School pupils, with a trophy for the winning school.

There is something for everyone - bring the family - admission is only 10p.

MORE CLASS!

Dear Editor,
I heartily agree with Dave Walker regarding our Town Centre, it is a depressing, dull dreary place, no-one can seriously enjoy shopping here. I am a shopaholic and love nothing more than browsing through nice interesting shops - but here in Newton Aycliffe, we don't have any, therefore I shop in Middlesbro, Hartlepool, Darlington or Metro Centre.

I'm sure that there are hundreds of people like me. If our Council got their fingers out and gave us a lovely relaxed environment with decent shops our businesses may prosper - let's have less Charity shops and more class.

Yours sincerely
Mrs. Humble

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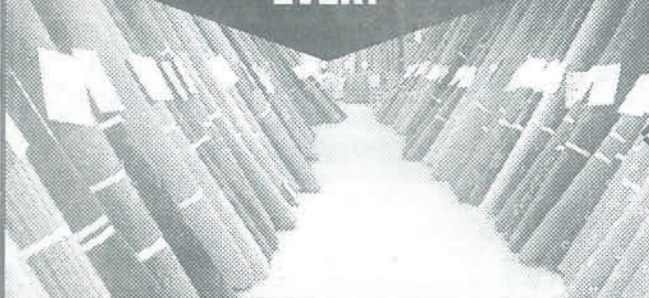
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falling about across streams
which were torrents.
Joe Meredy came a
magnificent 13th in 32mins.
Peter Milburn also 32mins was
close behind, with Ian
Monkman next 33mins, Dave
Middleton 40mins, Rob
Nicholson 45mins and finally
Dave Thompson 46mins made
up the team.


On a blustery October day,
Aycliffe runners turned out for
the Nestle Rowntree 10 mile
race at York. Despite the
strong winds Peter Milburn
managed a sub-60min time for
32nd place (59.33), with rising
star Steve Cox 74th (64.43)
and Sue Milburn 110th
(67.53) making up the team.

The first North Yorkshire
cross-country saw a good
turnout for Newton Aycliffe
with 9 runners competing. Top
honours again went to Joe
Meredy with 27th place in
30mins. Peter Milburn was
next in 30mins, then Colin
Gibson 31, Ian Monkman 31,
Ian Young in his first race for
two years 33, Derek Smith 35,
Dave Middleton 36, Richard
Harvey 37 and Dave
Thompson 42.

In the boys u13 race Shildon's
Adam Gibson was 14th in his
first cross-country. Another
runner making a promising
debut was Stuart Collins in the
u15 race. The Greenfield pupil
was an excellent 22nd place
for Newton Aycliffe over the
2.5 mile course.

In the Kielder 6 mile race two
Aycliffe runners took part on
a very blustery windswept
course. First home was Sue
Milburn in 40.06, with Rob
Nicholson not far behind in
46.58.

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"To become recognised as an Investor in People is an achievement
in itself but re-recognition demonstrates an organisation's dedication
to continuous improvement through the development of its
workforce and it is to be commended."

Paul Burns, Training Technologist at Hydro Polymers, who was
responsible for steering the company through the reaccreditation
process commented, "Hydro Polymers first achieved the standard
in 1992, since when the company has benefited from some £50
million worth of investment. Technology is only one side of the
equation however; to ensure success this must be balanced by
investing in our most important asset, our people. Hydro Polymers'
training & education initiatives have required a great deal of
commitment and additional hard work by our employees. It is
therefore very satisfying for an outside body to recognise the first
class nature of our workforce in this way."

Hot on the heels of this recent success, the company is now working
towards its next goal, the International Environmental Quality
Standard ISO14001 which it is aiming to achieve by the end of this
year. Copies of Hydro Polymers' environmental policy are available
by contacting Vanessa Humphrey, Publicity and Communications
Officer, Hydro Polymers Limited, telephone 300555.

Memoriam

CK HOGG Died 1st September 1997, always in thoughts with love from Freda and family.

CK HOGG 1-11-97. Assured memories of a husband and father, ever in our thoughts, sadly missed by wife Argent, sons Aid, John & both families.

IZABETH PRICE (11y) In memory of my Mam, died 31st October 1992. Time goes by without the days turn into years, each year holds a million memories and many silent tears. Sometimes it seems a lifetime, sometimes just a moment, but in my heart and thoughts of you, are never away. Still missing you, still loving daughter Anne.

IZABETH PRICE. Irish memories of my loving wife, died 31st October 1992. My heart still aches with sadness, secret tears fill my eyes, just how much I miss you, non-one will ever know. But as years go by, my love will never fade. Loving husband Barry.

ORGE OXLEY Died 1st November 1993. To think never said goodbye will always bring regret, but sweet memories silently tell of one we loved dearly never forget. Winnie, John, Lesley and Christopher.

SIE DICKINSON 31-10-97. Wonderful memories of my very special mother, nana, great nana who will always stay in our hearts, always loved and sadly missed, Denise, Pat, Walter all her loved ones.

OMAS HOWLETT 28-9-94. A dear dad and grandfather, missed dearly, never forgotten, loved always. Penny, Alison, John, grandchildren and family.

Birthday remembrance

ARNHAM Birthday memories of our dear friend, Margaret. We shall never lose her memories, loving friends Lily and George.

Deaths

MERON Newton Aycliffe, October 27th peacefully at Ventres Hall Nursing Home, Darlington (Barrington Road, Alnwick) aged 76 years. Deeply loved husband of the late Ann, dear father of Anne Margaret and Angus, dear father-in-law of Bob and Maggie, much loved grandfather of Aimee, Sara, Jenny, Lucy and Maria also a dear friend of many. Funeral Monday, 10am. Friends kindly meet at Clares Church, 12.30pm service, followed by cremation at Darlington Crematorium at 1.15pm. Only flowers only please. Donations in Lieu, if so desired, may be sent in aid of Cancer Research.

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WONDER WOMAN You are the most important person in my life, that is why I love you so much, Daft Duck.

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KEV Even though you are getting old, I still love you, Sandra.

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STREVS Happy birthday mam, we all love you, you are the best, Lindsay, David, Peter, Steven, Mark, Scott and Paul.

PLEWS Neil and Diane (nee Macadam) congratulations on your wedding on 16th October 1998 in St Lucia and hope you enjoy the reception on 31st October, love Tracy and Peter XX.

GOLIGHTLY Jennifer, 50 years old at last, happy birthday love Graham XX.

George & Tracey



GOTCHA!

Happy birthdays to George (29-10-98) and Tracey (4-11-98) From the gang at Woodham Grange

Lee Ebdon



4th November 1998
Happy 18th birthday little brother, love Gav, Andrea, Demi & Junior.
Is this the hat Army Regulations?

LEE EBDON 4-11-98, Happy 18th Lee, lots of love Mam, Dad and Nick.

NICOLA ELLIOTT 21 today, (2nd November) lots of love Mummy from Kelsey XX.

NICOLA ELLIOTT 21 today, lots of love from Nora, Mags, Dave and Sam.

NICOLA ELLIOTT 21 today, love you always Wayne XX.

TOPPING, Christopher, happy 18th birthday love Mam, Dad, Vicky and Nicola XXX.

KEANE Kelly Elizabeth, happy birthday to a darling granddaughter have a great party, love you lots, from Grandma and Grandpa XX.

KEANE Kelly happy 5th birthday, have a great day, lots of love and cuddles from Mam, Dad, Daniel, Kara, Dylan and Maggie.

VINCENT STEWART congratulations on your 21st, love Nanna.

VINCENT STEWART congratulations on your 21st, love Mam and Dad (31-10-98).

RACE Happy birthday Christine, love Jeanette, Liam and Kenan.

KEVIN McCORMICK Happy birthday daddy, love Anna XX.

KEVIN McCORMICK Now you really are an "old man", happy 40th birthday Kevin, all my love Helen.

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Evelyn Edwards



Happy 60th birthday MAM

Love Laurie, Keith, Tracey and Leigh
Happy Birthday GRANDMA
Love Sean, Alison, Lisa, Liam, Gareth and Ryan

Thanks

YOUTH CENTRE Table Top Sale, thank you to all those who supported this event either by hiring a table or shoppers - Peter Bealy.

JOHN TAYLOR wishes to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for cards sent and wishes received on the recent death of his wife Audrey on 16th October 1998. Also thank you for donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Nurses.

HOWARD STOUT Delia, Kay and family would sincerely like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, floral tributes, cards of condolence and generous donations received during their sad bereavement. Special thanks to the Marie Curie Nurses, Dr. Jones, District Nurses, also to Bryan Shepherd Funeral Director and Rev. Colin Jay for their comfort and understanding.

TERESA Warden of Avon Court, thank you for your care and attention from John and Elizabeth Adams - thank you.

LAURA HAUXWELL Thanks for being there, cheers mate, love Angela

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For more information on ITEC North East's Millennium Bug training courses, please tel: 320052.

Letter to the Editor Local Opposition to Hostels is Common

Dear Sir,
I am currently attending university and recently completed an assignment in which I visited many hostels within the North of England. In the research I carried out I interviewed hostel staff, past and present residents. So it was with the great interest that I was made aware through the Newton News, that there is plans for a hostel in Newton Aycliffe. It comes as no surprise that some residents are opposing the proposal. I found that most, if not all, the establishments I visited had encountered similar opposition at some stage or other. However after interviewing staff and residents I found

that this opposition usually fades away and all it really achieves is to add stigma to the building and the people who use it.

I found that those who use hostels usually need support and encouragement as well as a safe place to live.

From what I have read, some people who are in opposition paint a picture of dangerous undesirable people, from my experience of the hostels I visited, this was certainly not the case, why should or would it be any different in Newton Aycliffe. Hostels are usually in built up areas, next to housing, schools and other amenities, why should it be any different in our town. I have found that hostels on the whole are a very positive provision and help many people.

I only hope that the N.I.M.B.Y. attitude of many people in today's society does not win through this time.

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Halloween Party at Silverdale

The Silverdale Community House in Newton Aycliffe are holding a Halloween Party on Saturday October 31 from 4.30pm - 6.30pm. There will be fun and games and a Fancy Dress Competition which will be judged by special guests the Mayors of Great Aycliffe and Sedgfield Borough. Plus

refreshments will be for sale. We ask that children must be accompanied by an adult. Come along and join in the fun. IF YOU DARE! For more information contact: Diana Fleming at: The Silverdale Community House, 9 10 Silverdale Place, Newton Aycliffe, Co Durham Tel: 01325 307539.

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